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Fitness Center launches new programs



Adrienne Price photo

Members of the SU community lined up last Tuesday night for the University Fitness Center's new programs. Above, participants feel the burn during the BodyStep program.

By Lauren Sadler
Staff Writer

The University Fitness Center launched three new programs this week, all of them exclusively for students. According to the company's Web site, Les Mills is changing the way the world thinks about fitness, and now students can experience three of their pivotal programs. A fourth will be available in March.

"Les Mills is the biggest and the best. They're a huge organization; their programs are offered in 72 countries and five million people take their classes every week," said Salisbury Fitness Coordinator Kristin Watson.

"People who've taken the classes say they're off the hook. Everyone's super excited," Watson said.

The three new programs offered in the UFC's newly renovated fitness studio are

BodyStep, BodyPump and BodyFlow. Each class is an hour long.

"All of the programs are choreographed by exercise physiologists. They can be challenging, but they're simple once you've learned. The choreography changes every three months," Watson said. The assigned choreography also allows the instructors to properly coach and connect with the participants. "Free-range teachers don't have that option."

BodyStep is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program's choreography is centered around a height-adjustable step. The moves tone and condition the lower body, while increasing cardio fitness and coordination.

BodyPump requires the use of a barbell, which strengthens the entire body at an aerobic pace. A typical class includes chest, back, abdominals, shoulders, biceps and triceps exercises, as well as squats and lunges. According to the Les Mills Web site, participants can burn up to 600 calories per class. Only 30

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Growth on the bay

Horton leads environmental symposium

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

Well-known writer Tom Horton, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) President William Baker and Maryland Department of Planning Director Joe Tassone spoke Wednesday night to

around 300 people about ways to save the Chesapeake Bay.

"There is an assumption that if we just do better, we'll preserve the bay," Horton said. "This is partly true."

Horton presented three excuses as to why people do not

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R. L. Pusey photo

Author Tom Horton speaks at a symposium Wednesday night in the GUC.

Parking Garage Construction



Sarah Jacobs photo

Workers walk through the construction site of Salisbury University's \$16 million parking garage, located on the corner of Wayne Avenue and Bateman Street. The parking garage will provide an additional 850 parking spots. Construction is expected to be complete by summer and the garage will be available for use in the fall.

SU considers implementing Earth Science B.S. program

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

The Henson School of Science has announced the creation of a new degree track to be offered for the first time in fall 2009. Officially titled Bachelor of Science in Earth Science, it will be run by the Department of Geography and Geosciences in collaboration with the Seidel School of Education.

With the new program, SU will be able to offer bachelor's degrees in all four natural sciences for secondary education majors. This is important because anyone wanting to teach Earth Science must have a degree in it to become certified. With the high demand for qualified math and science teachers, Salisbury University is stepping up its ability to produce them. SU will be the only school on the Eastern Shore to offer such a program, giving students an advantage in the job market after graduation.

While the program is waiting to be approved by the Maryland

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Sarah Jacobs photo

Students attempt to cross Rt. 13 at Dogwood Drive Wednesday afternoon.

Route 13 death sparks student safety concerns

Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

For students new and old, Route 13 has always been the primary road taken to get around town. However, the highway most used by the residents of Salisbury has become one of the most dangerous avenues for citizens and students alike.

Just this past month, Leon Fontaine, a 40-year-old Wal-Mart employee was hit and killed on his way to work, Salisbury city police said. The investigation is still pending.

"I've personally seen people jaywalking and running across Rt. 13 too many times to count; and it's usually at night," said Jeremy Latimer, an SU alum who suffered a close call this past year while cruising down the highway.

While waiting for the light to change on Route 13, Latimer spotted three young boys running across the street. As the light turned green, Latimer began to drive. As traffic approached, two of the three jay-walkers stopped, but one continued out into the middle of the road.

All of it happened in a split-second

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Campus goes green

SU participates in national recycling contest

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

RecycleMania is underway, and it's not hard to get involved in this competition that challenges colleges and universities across the U.S. to recycle the greatest amount of materials.

In fact, it couldn't be much easier to recycle on Salisbury University's campus, said Becky

Rosing-Johnson, Manager of the SU Horticulture and Grounds department.

"If you look outside, we've paired every trash can with a recycle can," she said.

Students living on campus who decide to recycle can help their residence hall earn points for April's Spring Olympics — and meanwhile, help the environment

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Tara Finney photo

Citron Robins, of SU's horticulture and grounds staff, clears the recycling from the Severn/Chester dumpsite Monday afternoon.

Briefly Stated

Obama Online Campaign Manager Lecture

During the 2008 campaign, presidential candidate Barack Obama was credited with revolutionizing the campaign process through innovative applications of Web-based marketing tools - a feat that helped him get elected to the White House. The brainchild behind that revolution, Obama's online advertising campaign manager Emily Williams, shares some of the strategies used at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Henson Science Hall Room 103. An interactive account executive with MSHC Partners of Washington, D.C., Williams also speaks on life behind the scenes on the digital campaign trail, managing accounts on popular networking sites including Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. Sponsored by the Perdue School of Business and the SU chapter of the American Marketing Association, her talk is free and the public is invited.

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Muslim Student Association Holds Interest Meeting

The Muslim Student Association Interest Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. in Caruthers 103. Muslims as well as non-Muslims interested in learning more about Islam are invited. The MSA meets each Thursday from 4-6 in Caruthers 103. Can't attend? E-mail sumsa@salisbury.edu so we can stay in touch!

Bernstein Award Meeting

Students who would like to learn more about the Bernstein Award Competition and the campus resources available to help them create their plans are invited to an information meeting 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, in Caruthers Hall Room 118. The 2008-2009 Bernstein Award Competition will award \$5,000 to the best plan for a new business. Both individuals and groups are encouraged to enter. Also, the Small Business Administration is offering a Business Plan Seminar 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, in Caruthers Hall Room 102. For more information contact Bill Burke, Bernstein Competition interim director, at 410-677-5386 or wpburke@salisbury.edu.

Weekly Poll

We asked 100 SU students:

Do you think less of Michael Phelps?

21% YES 79% NO

And the race is on!

Local worthies announce candidacy for mayor



Bob Caldwell



Gary Comegys



Michael Della Penna



Jim Ireton

By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

The city of Salisbury's mayoral primary will be held March 3. Candidates include Robert Caldwell, Gary A. Comegys, Michael Della Penna III and Jim Ireton. Current mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman has declined to run for reelection.

All four candidates challenge eligible SU students to register and engage in the political process, as the candidates are well aware of student-community issues such as off-campus housing, neighborhood crime and safety. Jim Ireton is an elementary school teacher, ex-councilman and 1992 SSU alum. He is also part of a student safety treaty affiliated with SU through which he researched crime with students in the fall. Crime and safety are Ireton's biggest concern for students, as well as legitimate housing agreements between students and renters. "The safety of students is most important. If our relationship was strained before, safety issues won't do anything to improve that." In Ireton's view, "Salisbury has always been a college-town. Conversely, I don't believe in students' belief stating 'If we weren't here, Salisbury would close up and go away.'"

Robert Caldwell served two years as President of the Salisbury City Council and campaigned for mayor once before. He described his attitude toward student-community relations as, "It's possible to overestimate the value of the University to life in Salisbury." Later on he admitted "the relationship between the students and the town tends to have a focus on the negative and it tends to oversee the tremendous benefits from having stu-

dents in the town." To Caldwell, the most important issue is public safety. Caldwell wants city police to improve because "students are, pretty much, targets for vile activity and that needs to stop."

Michael Della Penna III owns an automobile business and is nicknamed the Pizza-man from his jobs in food management. If elected, he would provide more oversight on student-housing and challenge city police to work closely with students because "students deserve the best; they're here preparing for their future."

Gary Comegys is currently Salisbury's City Council Vice President. "[The University] is an important part of what Salisbury is," Comegys said, "and I look forward, as mayor, to working with the University to build better relationships. We must realize we do have challenges such as housing and crime and parking but we must work together to solve them." Comegys, a 1972 alum, said he is very proud of what the University and students do for the community.

Students wishing to register to vote in the election must register by Tuesday, Feb. 10. Hand-delivered registrations are accepted until 9 p.m.; mailed registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 10 at the latest.

"Ireton keeps students in mind; I think he's the best candidate," said Carrie Griffith, an SU sophomore who plans to vote.

"Mr Ireton was my second grade teacher at St. Francis de Sales. He's a good guy," said Jeff Malcolm, a junior.

Students seeking registration or election info can visit the University's PACE building for more information.

Crime Beat

1/14/09-1/21/09
4:30 p.m.-8 a.m.

Theft- A faculty member reported that two small flags and a computer printed image were stolen from within his Holloway Hall office.

1/31/09 1:34 a.m.

Intoxicated Student- University Police responded to Chester Hall in reference to an intoxicated student passed out in a stairwell. During the course of this incident, the student was uncooperative and argumentative with housing staff. University Police identified the student and found that he was under the age of 21 years. A copy of the police report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

1/31/09-2/01/09
12:30-4:20 a.m.

Missing Person- University Police received a report of a missing person (student). The student was located.

1/27/09-2/01/09
1 p.m.-3:20 p.m.

Theft- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from Monticello Ave. in Salisbury. Several days later, she observed a bicycle similar to her own locked to a bicycle rack on campus. The case is under investigation.

2/03/09-2/04/09
4 p.m.-11:30 a.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property- Someone spray-painted graffiti upon the Pergola at the rear of the G.U.C.

Horton

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involve themselves with saving the bay activism. He said people are reassured that we can resolve issues without worrying about growth, concerned with economic prosperity and the idea of "grow or die" and sometimes feel preservation is just too hard.

"We built an economy on never-ending growth," Horton said. "Now we're in economic peril, we're not growing."

Horton said we need to break away from this grow or die idea and talking about limiting growth does not mean economics, it means shifting the focus from quantity to quality.

Horton had a few solutions; one is limiting immigration, which is 82 percent of population growth. He also said every county should do a build-out analysis and down zone with regards to fairness. Additionally a state commission should be created to analyze real costs and benefits of growth.

"People also think the solution is global. But there are so many nations and if they ever acted in concert, I have yet to know," he said.

Baker agreed with everything Horton presented, but elaborated on the work CBF has done to save the bay. He said this is a fragile planet and the idea of "fewer people equals less pollution" is a fact.

"The only way to overcome population growth is a systems approach to save the bay," Baker said. He said CBF is currently suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because they are in violation of and are not enforcing the Clean Water Act. CBF also got involved when Blue Plains, a treatment plant, tried to increase their level of pollutants. CBF fought and won and the levels were not raised.

Tassone spoke in response to a paper Horton wrote. He said many aspects of our quality of life, land, air and water are impacted by population.

"Limits on human presence need to be enacted, but we have to think of where and how to make them happen," he said.

"The Chesapeake Bay is the heart of America's birthplace," Baker said. "We're not ready to give up on it, so be prepared to fight."

jobs, internships or advice to professionals who graduated from SU.

Career Services has used eRecruiting for five years. The program operated on a "token economy." Two months ago, the company upgraded its services and look.

"[Token economy] was a terminology used for the number of contacts you can make in a month's period of time," he said. "You only had ten per month and the reason for that was the mentors were protected from being overwhelmed."

Now, mentors can list how many times they want to be contacted per month. Once the mentor has been contacted a certain number of times, their profile is closed until the beginning of a new month.

There are over 800 mentors within the network and, according to Endi-

cott, most complain they are never contacted.

Craig Abresch, Eastern Shore Regional Library director, said he hasn't been contacted in two or three years. He keeps his name on the list, he said, because the program provides insight to which students would not otherwise have access.

"In a formal classroom setting, you get formal instruction," he said. "Advice and support from a mentor are real life, informal experiences."

To browse potential mentors, students can log on at <http://salisbury.e-recruiting.com/et/security/login.jsp> using their Novell log-in name and password.

"80 percent of people find jobs through networking and this is a good tool for that," Endicott said. "I encourage all students to use it."

Career Services beefs up mentor network of alumni

By Sarah Lake
Editor-in-Chief

The SU Mentor Network of Alumni, spearheaded by Career Services, has undergone a recent software upgrade, making career-related information and guidance more readily available to students.

"The software we had before wasn't as interactive," said Charlie Endicott, associate director of Career Services. "Now students can actually contact the mentor, and the software keeps record of how many times they made contact, who they contacted, what they said... the whole thing."

The network can be accessed through eRecruiting, an online registration system used by Career Services to connect students looking for

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT SGA holds first spring '09 forum

By Laura Bounds
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Student Government Association (SGA) kicked off the semester on Sunday, Feb. 8 with its first open forum.

After welcoming everyone to a new year, SGA president Pat Gotham addressed the large number of students attending regarding the mission of the association. "This is a great way to voice any concerns you may have," Gotham said. "We are here for you."

Throughout the remainder of the school year, SGA plans to bring in speakers that will talk about different issues concerning the campus. One of those issues discussed at the forum was the parking garage being built on Wayne St., which looks to serve mostly students, but a committee still needs to speak on specifics.

An important segment of the night was spent discussing the eligibility of becoming a Registered Student Organization (RSO) and what the expectations are for such groups. Many new clubs, including a TV News Club and a Medical Career Society, were brought forth and encouraged to seek recognition.

The SGA also welcomed four new members to their 2009 Executive Board. Sworn in were Joseph Esposito as Treasurer, Jackie Kobin as Parliamentarian, Phylcia Gregorio as Speaker of the Senate and Hayley Eiland as Executive Vice President.

Programs

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Adrienne Price photo

Sophomore Emily Cohn takes a breather Tuesday night during the BodyStep program held at the new University Fitness Center.

people can participate per class because of the limited number of barbells, Watson said.

BodyJam, available in March, is all about dancing. According to the Les Mills Web site, "It's like the Spanish Inquisition with a hip-hop soundtrack." Its dance moves develop coordination at a high-rate cardio pace. Some of the dance moves include a step ball change combo, samba and a "freakin fakin house block."

Each program incorporates appropriate popular music from

every genre. This encourages participants to sing along, which enhances and challenges heart rates even more. Flo Rida's "In the Ayer" is played during BodyJam, Nick Skitz's "Listen to Your Heart" is played in BodyPump and "Lost" by Coldplay is heard during BodyFlow. New songs are offered with the new choreography every three months.

To view the full schedule of classes and times offered at the UFC, go to <http://www.salisbury.edu/campusrec>.

SGA hosts Renter's Fair

By Samantha Ernest
Staff Writer

Thirteen rental agencies set up shop in the Link of Nations Feb. 3 and 4. Organized by the SGA, the Renter's Fair gave students an opportunity to explore rental options during these tough economic times. The Fair also presents an opportunity for rental agencies to market their property. Due to the recent economic downturn the country is facing, many businesses are losing sales and are being forced to close.

"We have not noticed much change in student apartments; however, we have had a ten percent decrease in sales with non-student apartments," said Donnie Williams, owner of Advanced Property Rentals.

However, some rental agencies were a little more concerned about what the future might hold. When asked if the economy has made any impact on their sales, Melinda Long of

Long Rental Properties said, "Not yet because we recently just started renting property. It is hard to tell now because some parents are losing their jobs and are being forced to pull their kids out of school, so this could be the deciding factor."

A multitude of amenities are offered by the rental agencies to accommodate the renters' needs and wants. Almost every rental agency on campus offered between two to four bedrooms houses and/or apartments. Depending on the agency, some amenities include CAC, full W/D, dishwasher, and are pet friendly.

"Not many students know if they want to rent an apartment or house, and so the Renter's Fair gives students the opportunity to look into all their options," said lead organizer Bobby Audley, SGA's VP of External Affairs.

When contacted, these rental agencies offer students an opportunity to go on tour and preview the housing first hand.

Crosswalk

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said the SU alum. Latimer slammed on his breaks in a desperate attempt to avoid the young boy. "I thought I was going to hit him," he said.

Fortunately, Latimer's reactions were quick enough to avoid catastrophe. SU Junior Brian Lomax said "I think part of the issue is that not many people know what the laws exactly are, like who's fault is it in what situation."

"It is imperative that pedestrians understand what their respective responsibilities are under Maryland traffic law," said University Police Chief Edwin Lashley. In a campus-wide Crosswalk Safety notification, the Chief said "Maryland law states that pedestrians have the right-of-way at controlled intersections and marked crosswalks, but pedestrians must give motorists the right-of-way at all areas other than controlled intersections."

Lomax is one of many students who often choose to "risk it" and cross Route 13 wherever they please. "It's easier and more convenient than walking through the tunnel," he said. "My friends and I usually do it once a day."

The risk and danger of Route 13 is often overlooked. But for the sake of people like Leon Fontaine, perhaps more attention should be given to the notably unnoticed, but growing issue.

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New Major

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Higher Education Commission, the outlook around Henson is optimistic.

"We don't expect any problems being approved," said Dr. Karen Olmstead, Dean of the Henson School of Science. "This won't cost the state anything and we already have the groundwork laid out."

The Henson School will be informed about whether the program has been officially approved in April.

The new Earth science track will focus on the principles and techniques used by geoscientists. Students will be required to take courses in subjects such as historical geology, chemistry and geography. The Earth science/secondary education track will focus on methods needed to teach Earth science on the middle and high school levels. Many of the courses required will include coastal processes and historical geology as well as courses in education, chemistry, physics and biology. Since many of these classes will include a lab component, they will be offered as four credits and will not have an enhanced curriculum.

The demand for this program has been voiced not only by SU students, but also by the Department of Education and many school districts on the Eastern Shore. Proponents of the new program anticipate that with the ever-increasing demand for teachers and geoscientists in the area, SU will provide an ever-larger pool of candidates from which to fish. It will also give SU students an extra advantage after graduation when seeking jobs in what have become very competitive fields.

Recyclemania

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by taking part in RecycleMania, which began Jan. 18 and continues until March 31.

A competition is taking place on SU's campus, with residents divided into three teams: the high rises, the residences surrounding the quad and the upperclassman residence halls.

Teams earning first, second and third place on campus will earn 100, 75 and 50 points, respectively, along with 50 participation points each, for every residence hall in a team's area.

There are 514 schools competing nationally, and SU is in the Benchmark Division with 184 other colleges. Although Rosing-Johnson said it's difficult to see how SU ranked in 2008 against other schools because of the various factors involved, she expressed that the real motive is to remind students to recycle. "I'm not really sure how we even finished up last year, but it wasn't about that," she said.

Recycling Coordinator Tara Finney said recycling should be taught at a young age, and Rosing-Johnson agreed, adding, "As an institute of higher learning, as a whole, we should be setting the example for others."

Rosing-Johnson added that SU has had a recycling program in place since 1990 and also said the university was able to recycle 809 tons of items in 2008. By recycling 41 percent of waste, Rosing-Johnson said, SU recycled more than double the University System of Maryland's required

amount last year.

Students can participate by recycling items like paper, plastic, cardboard, aluminum and glass. To participate in the competition, students just need to bring recyclables to the bins near the dumpsters.

"We should all recycle. It's something that should always be done," Finney said.

Diana Federici, Area Director for the quad residence halls and an advisor for the Residence Hall Association, said students are given an incentive to recycle with this program.

Last year, the upperclassman residence halls won the competition at SU, noted Dave Fleming, AD of the upperclassman residences. He also said RecycleMania makes SU students more aware of recycling.

After the first two weeks of this year's competition, the upperclassmen are in the lead again with 660 pounds of recycled materials.

To learn more about the program and see SU's progress, visit www.recyclemaniacs.org.

If you go

WHAT: Recyclemania
WHERE: SU
WHEN: Jan. 18 - March 31
COST: FREE
INFO: Recycle your little hearts out to earn points for Spring Olympics and to help SU win Recyclemania!



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Phelps caught in the act

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

American Olympic hero Michael Phelps was caught smoking marijuana when a photo surfaced of him with a bong at a party in November. The 14-time gold medalist has been suspended from USA Swimming for three months. Phelps will be eligible to return to competition in May, two months before the 2009 World Championships in Rome. The Olympic swimmer has come to terms with the suspension.

"It's not my decision, it's theirs," Phelps said to the *Kansas City Star* on Feb. 6. "It's fair. Obviously, for a mistake, you should get punished."

Phelps, 23, admitted on Sunday, Feb. 1 that the photo, first appearing in the tabloid *News of the World*, was him. The Olympic swimmer connects his drug use to his age and poor judgment.

"I'm 23-years-old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way," Phelps said to Fox News on Feb. 2.

Phelps will sit out of several smaller meets, and the suspension includes the withdrawal of a monthly \$1,750 stipend provided to national team members. Having never tested positive for drugs, the suspension sets a precedent for other athletes who could be suspended without a positive result on a drug test.

"As a youth sports organization with hundreds of thousands of young athletes, we simply felt that it was important to send a message that we thought to be in the best interest of Michael, USA Swimming, the Olympic Movement and the sport," said Chuck Wielgus, director of USA Swimming, in *The Baltimore Sun* on Feb. 7. "The decision was not made quickly or easily, and many were consulted in the process. I also want to stress that this decision was made in collaboration with Michael and he was in no way coerced or threatened; to his credit, he participated in the process and voluntarily accepted the reprimand."

So far, most of Phelps' sponsors are staying with him; however, Kellogg Company announced it will not attempt to renew its deal when it expires at the end of the month. Subway is the only sponsorship that has not made a statement saying it will continue using him as a spokesman. The company removed all references to Phelps from the front page of its Web site. Other companies such as Mazda, Omega and Speedo stand behind the Olympian and continue their sponsorships.

This is not Phelps' first run-in with the law. In 2004, after winning six Olympic gold medals in Athens, he was arrested for driving under the influence in Salisbury. A sentence of 18 months probation was assigned after pleading guilty to the crime. In response to a guilty plea of driving while impaired, prosecutors dropped charges of driving under the influence, underage drinking and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Phelps is continuing to practice, despite the suspension, but is unsure if he will perform at the 2012 Olympics which will take place in London.

Swimmer suspended, loses some sponsors



newssoftheworld.co.uk photo

The above photo of Phelps hitting a bong at a college party in November was first run in the British tabloid *News of the World*.

HISTORY CORNER

February 10
1931 - New Delhi becomes the capital of India.

February 11
1933-In round 13 of a boxing match at New York City's Madison Square Garden, Primo Carnera knocks out Ernie Schaaf, killing him.

February 12
1999 - President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the United States Senate in his impeachment trial.

February 13
2000 - The last original "Peanuts" comic strip appears in newspapers one day after Charles M. Schulz dies.

February 14
1929 - St. Valentine's Day Massacre: Seven people, six of them gangster rivals of Al Capone's gang, are murdered in Chicago, Illinois.

February 15
1849-In New York City, James Knox Polk becomes the first serving President of the United States to have his photograph taken.

February 16
2005-YouTube, the popular Internet site on which videos may be shared and viewed by others, is launched in the United States.

Stimulus package aims to jumpstart economy

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

Last Monday, the United States Senate opened debate on President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package of over \$800 billion. The original plan included \$30 billion for road construction, \$87 billion to help with Medicaid, \$145 billion in tax breaks and much more.

The House voted and passed the \$819 billion plan even though all Republicans voted against it, claiming that the bill needs to be tweaked. Many Senators are afraid that as the plan goes through the Senate, it may grow to almost \$900 billion.

The Obama administration is trying to get the plan approved as soon as possible to relieve the floundering economy.

"I hope [the House and Senate leaders] share my sense of urgency and draw the same unmistakable conclusion: The situation could not be more serious," President Obama said Friday.

During the ongoing recession, a total of 3.6 million people have lost their jobs. The plan is said to create three million jobs by the end of 2010. Many of these jobs would only replace those cut during the recession. Top White House economic advisors Christina Romer and Jared Bernstein warn that the impact of the package and the job creation numbers are hard to estimate.

"There is considerable uncertainty in our estimates," said Romer and Bernstein's report. "The uncertainty is surely higher than normal now because the current recession is unusual, both in its fundamental causes and its severity."

Many Republicans are still on the fence with the revised bill.

"Most of us are deeply skeptical that this will work," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-KY. "That level of skepticism leads us to believe that this course of action should not be taken."

Obama and his administration are having difficulty dealing with the lack of consensus among Senate leaders.

"Americans across this country are struggling, and they are watching to see if we're equal to the task before us. Let's show them that we are, and let's do whatever it takes to keep the promise of America alive in our time," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

This week, House and Senate leaders are to meet in a conference to discuss and reconcile differences between each version of the stimulus plan.

At a Glance

■ House passed \$819 billion plan even though all Republicans voted against it.

■ Could grow to \$900 billion.

■ Hopes to create 3 million jobs by end of 2010.

■ Contains \$30 billion for road construction, \$87 billion for Medicaid, \$145 billion for tax breaks.

■ 3.6 million Americans have lost their jobs during recession.

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Middle East in turmoil from Israel-Gaza conflict

By Meredith Ray
Staff Writer

An informal, temporary truce between Israel and Hamas was declared Jan. 18 when Israel pulled their troops from the Gaza Strip after three weeks of fighting. The violence and conflict has continued intermittently despite the temporary cease-fire, as no official peace treaty has yet been agreed upon. A rocket from Hamas-controlled Gaza landed in the Israeli city of Ashkelon Tuesday. Israel has fought back by bombing tunnels on the border between Egypt and Gaza.

"It appears that Hamas is out to deliberately undermine any chance for quiet," said Mark Regev, spokesman for Israel Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. "In allowing the launching of deadly rockets at Israeli cities, Hamas alone holds responsibility for any possible escalation."

In return for a peace treaty lasting at least one year, Hamas, the Palestinian group ruling Gaza, demands that any treaty include the opening of borders into Gaza, which have been closed by Egypt and Israel for the past 18 months. Hamas also wants some control in monitoring the border crossings as recognition of their power. At this point, Israel will not agree to have the borders fully opened or to give Hamas any role in their patrol. They fear that weapons will be smuggled into Gaza across the Egyptian border, which happened in the past.

Meanwhile, Egypt continues its mediation efforts, but with no results. Officials had hoped a treaty could be completed by Thursday, however, too many disagreements



AP photo

Israeli soldiers return to Israel from the northern Gaza Strip, Sunday, Jan. 18. Israel declared a unilateral cease-fire in the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

caused Hamas leaders to return to Gaza. As Hamas delegates left Cairo and returned to Gaza at the Rafah crossing, an Egyptian border guard confiscated \$9 million and 2 million euros, hidden in suitcases. Egypt plans to continue negotiations. Israel hopes to come to terms soon with an election taking place in less than a week.

Cities in Gaza have undergone considerable damage from Israeli rockets. Homes, buildings and transportation have been destroyed. Thirty-seven primary and secondary schools have been severely damaged, with others serving as shelters. Civilians have been unable to receive supplies or help throughout the destruction. Israel intercepted and

seized a Lebanese ship taking aid to Gaza on Thursday. Hamas has intercepted and confiscated over 3,500 blankets and 406 food parcels sent as aid for Gaza civilians from the United Nations. UN humanitarian chief John Holmes said on Wednesday the confiscation is unacceptable and demanded its return.

Gazan medics place the death toll at over 1,300, although Israel claims this number is exaggerated. No total has been released by Israelis.

The Islamist group Hamas is considered a terrorist group by the U.S. and the European Union. They have controlled Gaza since June 2007. Gaza is not considered a part of Israel, nor is the area recognized as a country.

Daschle withdraws nomination as Obama's health secretary

By Kelley Matney
Staff Writer

Last week, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination to be President Barack Obama's Secretary of Health and Human Services. His nomination withdrawal was due to a great deal of attention focused on mistakes that forced Daschle to pay \$140,000 in back taxes.

"Tom made a mistake, which he has openly acknowledged. He has not excused it, nor do I," Obama said in a White House statement. He added that the "mistake" should not lessen the "many contributions" Daschle has made to the country.

"If 30 years of exposure to the challenges inherent in our system has taught me anything, it has taught me that this work will require a leader who can operate with the full faith of Congress and the American people, and without distraction," Daschle said in a statement. "Right now, I am not that leader, and will not be a distraction."

These events have taken some attention from President Obama's attempt to drive his economic stimulus plan through the Senate; the events have also caused difficulties with an initiative that Daschle had to refurbish the American health care system.

"I will not be the architect of America's health system reform, but I remain one of its more fervent supporters," Daschle said.

Daschle was one of Obama's initial supporters on the campaign trail.

In the days before his withdrawal, Senators seemed reluctant to publicly oppose Daschle's nomination. But the tide seem to change the morning of Feb. 3, when Republican Senator Jim Demint called for Obama to withdraw Daschle's nomination - thus being the first to declare that the former majority leader's tax issues were a basis to exclude him.

Daschle has since paid \$146,000 in back payments and interest, and apologized for what he called income tax errors.

Obama's pick to be the White House's first performance officer, Nancy Killefer, also withdrew her nomination because of her own tax problems.

The nominees' tax problems also gave Republicans a new argument against President Obama and his party as the economic debate proceeds: that Democrats are inconsiderate about taxing other people because they themselves do not obey the tax laws.

Some lawmakers on Tuesday expressed surprise at Daschle's decision to withdraw.

"I believe that when the smoke clears and the frenzy has ended, no one will believe that this unwitting mistake should have erased 30 years of selfless public service and remarkable legislative skill and expertise on health care," Senator John Kerry said in a statement.

Libyan dictator elected chairman of African Union

By Daniel McElwain
Staff Writer

Africa's 53-member assembly has elected President Moammar Gadhafi of Libya as the chairman of the African Union on Feb. 1. Gadhafi will be taking the African Union's yearly-rotating chairman position from the Tanzanian president, Jakaya Kikwete. Libya's official news agency has reported that Gadhafi, in his role as AU chairman, will try "to make a decision on establishing an executive instrument for the AU, to push Africa forward to become African union states, such as the United States of Africa."

For many years, Gadhafi was a man ostracized by the West due to the Libyan president's history of supporting terrorism and coming to power in a coup in 1969.

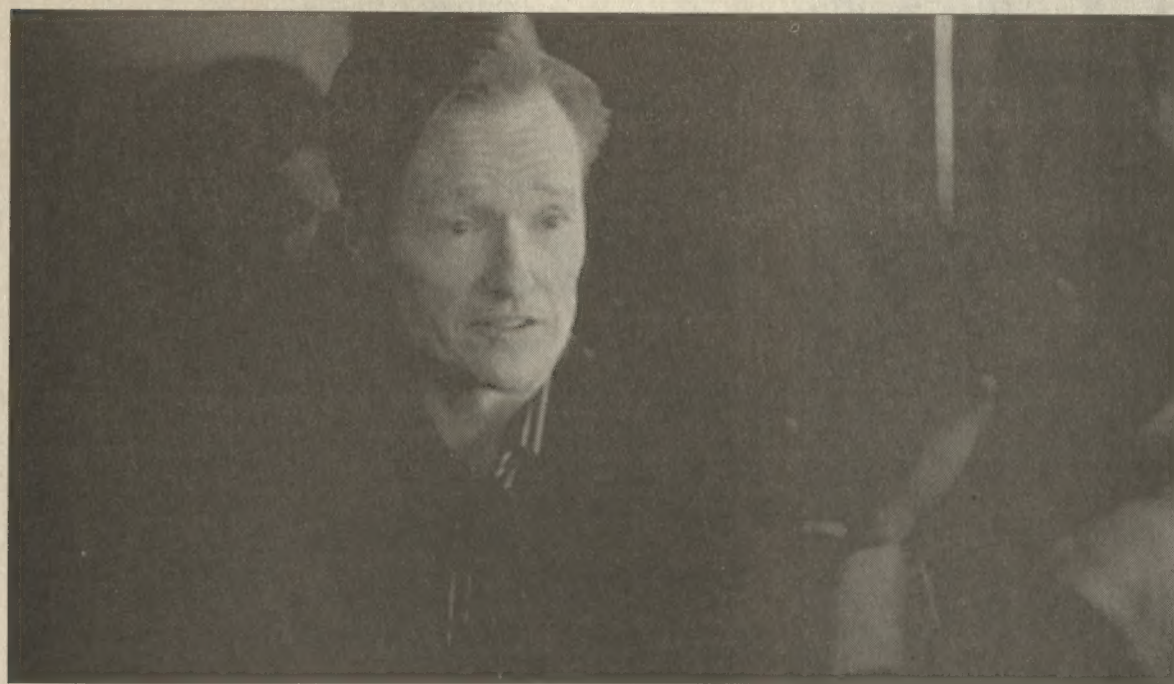
The bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in the late 1980s did a lot to condemn the Libyan ruler though the country has never admitted to have carried out the attack. In 2003, Gadhafi renounced terrorism and made steps to thrust Libya into global affairs. In 2006, Libya was taken off the United States' list of states supporting terrorism.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood, on America's relationship with the African Union under Gadhafi, said, "In terms of our working with the AU, we're going to continue, because we have a lot of interests and joint interest in terms of trying to bring peace and stability and economic development and delivery of humanitarian assistance to the continent where it's needed."

At his summit Monday in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Gadhafi expressed hope to bring up the issue of his 'United States of Africa' at the next African Union summit meeting in July. Gadhafi, with a few ardent supporters, has held a long dream of entirely changing the face of Africa. In his dream, Gadhafi hopes to unite the many independent post-colonial states into a vast unified state that would play a powerful role in global affairs. Africa would have a single currency, army, and passport for the entire continent of Africa, minus the North-

Western country of Morocco which left the African Union over the issue of its separatist West Saharan territory. While Gadhafi does have his supporters, there are many who wish to go a more slow-paced route for eventual unification of Africa.

Still, many are supportive of Gadhafi as the African Union faces a series of upheavals among many governments as new faces rise to lead African countries. Additionally, there is unrest within Madagascar, bids to indict Sudan's president for war crimes, increasing pirate raids from Somalia, civil war in the Congo, and Robert Mugabe hangs onto power in a collapsing Zimbabwe.



AP photo

TV personality Conan O'Brien appears in a humorous Budweiser commercial during Super Bowl XLIII.

Tackling the economy with super advertisements from the Super Bowl

By Eric J. Buratty
Staff Writer

The Super Bowl remained the biggest advertising event of the year, as the ads this year tolled in at \$30 million dollars per 30 seconds, equivalent to about \$100,000 per second. As NBC broadcasted Super Bowl XLIII, they reported no problems filling spots, as 90 percent of the 67 total slots were taken. The only difference this time around was the fact that the status of the economy influenced the type of commercials that were aired.

Various news sources over the past week claimed that the economy was no match for the Super Bowl, as record prices were recorded for another year - surpassing the 2008 average commercial price of \$2.7 million - even in the midst of a grinding recession and the absence of several big advertisers this year. Viewers watched while Denny's, Anheuser-Busch, Pedigree Pet Food, PepsiCo Inc, Cash4Gold, and Go-

Daddy.com filled the void.

"The Super Bowl is completely unique in its ability to reach everybody at the same time. There's nothing else that's even close," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at Northwestern University and leader of the online Kellogg Super Bowl Advertising Review. However, the strong demand initially made during the fall of 2008 for commercial slots deteriorated along with the economy.

All the bailouts and companies declaring bankruptcy in late 2008 rippled over to 2009, as the Federal Reserve chose to leave interest rates unchanged. With a targeted federal funds rate between zero and .25 percent, economic pressures have led monetary policy makers to believe that deflation remains an imminent possibility as consumption continues to fall. In turn, consumption impacted the approach that advertisers took this year during Super Bowl XLIII.

The current fluctuations in gas prices definitely would not stimulate

any further consumption in the market for inefficient American vehicles. In other words, "the declines in income resulting from the economy's downturn led to a lot of uncertainty about which cars to drive, so people prefer to lean towards safer purchases that are consistent in the market," said Dr. Hong Yao, SU economics professor. Another caveat is that it would have been a waste of money to advertise luxury goods when "most people are only going to spend more on necessity to moderately-needed items," Yao added.

The widespread interest in the Super Bowl every year has made its mark on the current economy. This year, commercial prices have set new records, and they have adapted to a hostile economy wherein they brought some light into people with some additional humor. It is hoped that the economy's status can be tackled by understanding the importance of consumption of necessity items over luxury items.



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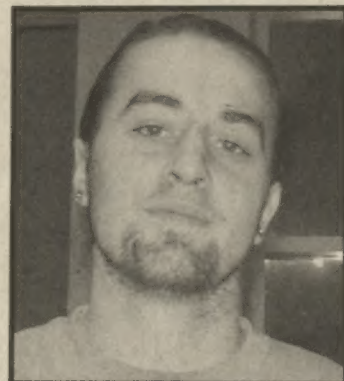
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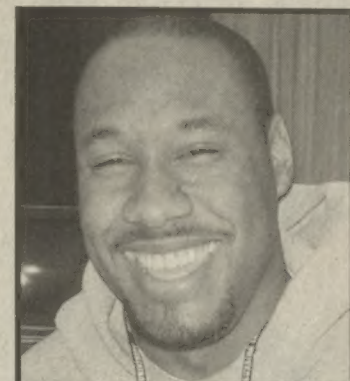
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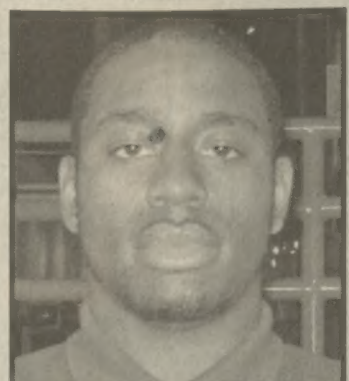
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"Drop dead!"

Adam Strickland -
super senior"I'd ask him to have a drink
with me."Chris "Curly" Ward
- sophomore"I'd tell him to shoot his
arrow at Telecta."

Jeremy Harris - junior

"People can find mates on
their own, they don't have to
be conned."

Sean Turner - junior

"Why do you have a wasted
holiday?"

Tiffany Wilson - freshman

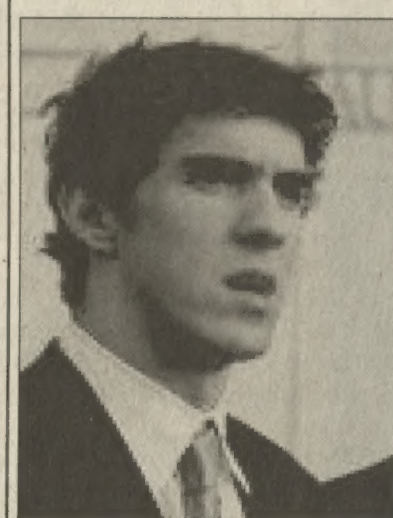
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No one is perfect

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Michael PhelpsBy Jeremy Riffle
Editorial Editor

A picture was published recently of swimmer Michael Phelps smoking out of a bong at a college party last November. Phelps admitted that he was using marijuana in the picture and apologized for his "bad judgment." So far, as a consequence of his actions, Phelps was dropped as a spokesman for Kellogg's, USA Swimming barred him from competition for three months and he may face criminal charges. In addition, parents bemoan the failings of a role model for children. The controversy does, however, raise some important questions.

First, why should we even consider Phelps to be a role model? He's a phenomenal swimmer to be sure, but that does not mean that we should bud him someone worthy of emulation. He's an athlete, not a moral leader. Yes, he provides inspiration for those who wish to excel at athletics

and awes those of us who have seen him swim, but there is not really any more reason to emulate him. Yes, he's probably a nice guy, but after considering his past run in with bad judgment—in 2004 Phelps was arrested for DUI at the age of 19—there is even less reason to have held him up as a role model to begin with.

Second, is what Phelps did really that wrong? Yes, he used an illegal substance, but so has about 37 percent of the population of this country. Let's face it, smoking marijuana is not exactly behavior only attributable to hardened criminals and drug addicts. In addition, alcohol and tobacco are commonly-used legal substances that have negative effects as destructive as marijuana, or more so. And contrast what he did in November to his DUI. The latter is by far a worse crime since he could have killed someone with his recklessness, yet he only received 18 months probation, a small fine and had to attend a MADD meeting. Third, should Phelps be charged for his most recent mistake? Yes, if possible. As flawed as the marijuana policies in this country are, there should not be deference of justice just because Phelps is famous. That would establish a fundamentally unjust double standard.

No one is perfect and few individuals demonstrate this truth better than Phelps. However, instead of casually denouncing or defending Phelps' recent lapse in judgment, we should instead ask some deeper questions about what we consider important in this society.



Nadya Suleman, left, speaks with NBC's Ann Curry on Thursday, Feb. 5 in Suleman's first interview since giving birth to octuplets last week.

If eight is enough, 14 is ridiculous

By Kyra Milbourne
Staff Writer

Last week, the media erupted with the story of the mother of octuplets. Nadya Suleman, 33, gave birth Jan. 26 to six boys and two girls. Suleman underwent in vitro fertilization to get pregnant. What really made this story notable, other than the fact that she is only the second American to have octuplets, is the fact that she already has six children at home, ages ranging from two to seven. As if the situation cannot possibly get any worse, we learn that Suleman isn't married and lives at home in a modest, single-story two-bedroom home.

The doctor responsible has not been revealed, but is being criticized for assisting Suleman even though she has six kids. I don't think he should be to blame for her desires, he was just doing what he gets paid to do. Who is he to say that six kids are enough?

I do feel that Suleman's

mother, Angela, is responsible for her daughters' actions. If she had kicked her daughter out and made her grow up, her daughter wouldn't think that motherhood is such a walk in the park. And to think that our tax money will go to take care of Suleman and her kids is very irritating. There are many mothers out here that have kids under the assumption the government will make sure they live comfortably with our money. From food stamps to HUD to assisted living, our tax dollars support those who decide not to work but to stay at home and bear children. A friend of Suleman said the public will not have to assist the Suleman family in raising 14 kids; they have enough money.

However, according to the news, Angela Suleman filed for bankruptcy last March. The government cannot continue to allow these types of mothers to depend on the taxpayers' dollars to keep them afloat and to support them and their offspring.

Thank you, Congressman Kratovil

By Chad Grills
Staff Writer

In the recent first district congressional election, Frank Kratovil defeated Andy Harris and took office in January. Mr. Kratovil intimated that if elected, he would fight against reckless spending. Campaign promises made by politicians are often discarded; they wouldn't be mainstream politicians if this weren't the case. Congressman Kratovil won, and will soon be staring down an economic "crisis" with his campaign promises against careless spending still resonating in the public arena. After Mr. Kratovil's vote on the current stimulus bill in the house, I had good reason to write an e-mail thanking him for his position and courage on the issue.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was the House of Representatives' brilliant \$819 billion dollar answer to the current economic situation. Upon detailed examination, this bill is nothing more than a 647-page wish list of government spending. I guess the bill's title is semi-accurate, since America will be reinvesting in a new chunk of government debt. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that only \$92 billion dollars would be spent this year. It hardly seems like much of a stimulus if only 11 percent of the bill will be spent this year. Next year, the CBO estimates \$225 billion will be "reinvested" just in time for political re-election campaigns! This is a strong incentive for the House to vote for a bill to help solidify their re-elections.

The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer hold extensive power in the House. As new congressmen are wise to curry favor, it



1st District Congressman Frank Kratovil

would be easy for Congressman Kratovil to vote for the bill. Party orientation is hardly consequential when a bill will be affecting subsequent generations of Americans.

Thankfully, Mr. Kratovil realized this. On Jan. 28, Congressman Kratovil voted against the stimulus saying, "We're already facing the largest budget deficit in our nation's history. That means we can't afford to get this wrong."

On seeking approval, economist David Ricardo once said, "I wish that I may never think the smiles of the great and powerful a sufficient inducement to turn aside from the straight path of honesty and the convictions of my own mind." Fortunately, the smiles of Madam Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer were not an incentive for Congressman Kratovil to turn aside from his own beliefs, and for this, I say "Thank you."

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I just transferred to Salisbury and am having a hard time meeting people. All the girls on my hall are already really close or seem to have a clique of their own. How can I find a group of friends since everyone already seems so close?

Talk to the girls on your floor and see what they're interested in. Ask them what clubs or sports they play and see if you can attend their next meeting. It will give you something in common to talk about, plus you'll meet people at the meeting as well. Listen and ask questions when meeting new people. By being a good listener, you let others know that you value what they have to say and, by extension, who they are.

Another way to meet people is by joining a sorority on campus or even just attending recruitment. Panhellenic recruitment is the week of Feb. 8-13 and is a way to meet a variety of girls who also may have transferred here or who live in other dorms. Even if you decide Greek life isn't for you, you will meet a very diverse group of girls in the process.

If you are shy but want to talk to people on your floor, start a conversation by complimenting them. When giving a compliment, be honest and genuine. Even if you're complimenting something very small it's likely to be appreciated. Also, detach yourself from technology and come out of your room every once in awhile. You're less likely to notice who's interested in you if you're constantly checking your email, voicemail and text messages. Being online or on the phone also sends the message to others that you're unavailable.

Getting a part-time job or talking to people in class and forming study groups is a great way to meet people and you'll also be accomplishing something. Bring snacks and share what's going on in your life. You'll have new friends before you know it.



Dr. Matthew Dunlap performs in the Fulton Gallery Thursday as part of the Guitars in the Gallery series.

Guitars in the Gallery

By Casey Wachter
Staff Writer

Guitars in the Gallery was held on Thursday in the Fulton Gallery of Salisbury University Dr. Matthew Dunlap came to Salisbury and performed a classical guitar series. After he performed, he held a master class for the students majoring in guitar.

Dunlap has played guitar for 21 years. He received his bachelor's degree at Kennesaw State University in guitar. He then went to the Peabody Institute for his masters. Dunlap finished his doctorate degree at Florida State in guitar performance.

"I love what I do. I get to teach and play guitar. It can't get much better than that," Dunlap said. Throughout Dunlap's experi-

ences, he has worked at many places, from elementary schools to colleges. This was his first time at Salisbury. During the performance, Dunlap played three pieces.

"I really enjoyed myself at Salisbury. I look forward to coming back. It was a really positive experience and I met so many great people," Dunlap said.

Dr. Danielle Cumming of the music department put the Guitars in the Gallery series together. There are at least three more events within the guitar gallery series during the semester.

"It offers our students and public community a chance to hear an incredible talent. It also shows people that there is an active guitar scene at Salisbury University. I am really excited to be doing this because it is a fun series to have going," Cum-

ming said.

About fifty people were there to watch Dunlap's guitar performance. Jamaal Simmons, a music education major at Salisbury, was among the crowd watching Dunlap's performance. "I thought it was awesome. I was amazed and I definitely want to come to more," Simmons said.

"I think he has a deeper appreciation for music that people can't fathom. I really wonder what he thinks about music today. I would definitely come back again," said Jocelyn Hensley, also a music education major.

The Guitars in the Gallery series is an opportunity for students to hear and get to know some emerging professionals. The next performance in the series is a guitar duo on March 5.

A Day in the Life of ... Kaitlyn Stiles, Med Tech

Adrienne Price photo
Kaitlyn StilesBy Amanda Durski
Staff Writer

For some, the hospital is an unnerving location, to be avoided. But to Salisbury University senior Kaitlyn Stiles, it is a place overflowing with information, research and employment.

Stiles spends much of her time in the Salisbury area hospitals to complete her clinical rotation for school. She is in the Clinical Laboratory Science/ Medical Technology program, which is

for individuals who wish to work in the labs of hospitals.

"I work with the current techs who work in the lab part of the hospital and run blood work and other tests," Stiles said. "If someone gets their blood taken, I would be the one to run the test on it."

The work isn't all fun and games, though. A lot of hard work and dedication must be put into the program.

"It's really time consuming. We get asked to learn a lot of difficult material. Much that we do in clinical is hands on and practical, but in order to do that, you have to know the theories," Stiles said.

But Stiles finds the work rewarding and worth the effort. "The field is fulfilling. It's interesting because you get to put the tests to a patient, and I realize, 'Wow, I am actually doing this for someone!' You're helping people in a backwards way. I love

that the days are never dull and I enjoy the challenge," Stiles said.

Stiles has a great support system to help her through it. There are twelve students in the program who are taught by three teachers.

"All of my classmates who I've been working with for the past two years have really bonded and our teachers are like our mother hens," Stiles said.

As for the future, Stiles is keeping her options open, but she hopes to go into research of some kind.

"There is just tons of stuff to get into. Right now I really want to focus on learning what I have to learn. Then I can pick my job and perfect what I have studied so far," Stiles said.

It looks like Stiles will be in the hospital for many years to come.

What's Cooking? Recipes for a tight budget



Kahlua Chocolate Spiced Cakes

By Mike Piorunski
Staff Writer

When I think about Valentine's Day, I immediately think of chocolate - especially dark chocolate. Chocolate truffles would be the ultimate indulgence, but this chocolate cake recipe is not too shabby. I adapted this Individual Kahlua Chocolate Spiced Cakes recipe from a recipe in David Lebovitz's "The Great Book of Chocolate" (Ten Speed Press, 2004). I love this cake recipe because I like giving the mugs to friends as gifts. The Kahlua and spices really give the cake a unique flavor. Be sure to use very good quality chocolate. Serve with a dollop of plain yogurt and some fresh berries.

Individual Kahlua Chocolate Spice Cakes:

10 ounces of good quality bitter-sweet or dark chocolate, chopped
4 tablespoons salted butter
4 tablespoons sugar, divided
4 large eggs at room temperature (separate yolks from whites)
2 teaspoons Kahlua
(1 teaspoon vanilla extract if not using Kahlua)
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon chili powder (or cumin)
Pinch of ground cloves, allspice or nutmeg
A few turns freshly ground black pepper

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 400F
2. Butter six (6) heatproof coffee mugs. Sprinkle a bit of turbinado (raw) sugar on the inside of each mug.
3. In a medium-sized bowl, melt the chocolate and butter over a small pot of simmering water; stir until smooth. Remove from heat and mix in 2 tbsp. of the sugar, then the egg yolks (mix fast to avoid making scrambled egg yolks). Next, mix in the vanilla, Kahlua (or rum) and spices.
4. In a mixing bowl, whip the egg whites until they become somewhat stiff and fluffy. Beat in the remaining 2 tbsp. of sugar and whisk until the whites form soft peaks.
5. Using a rubber spatula, fold the egg whites into the chocolate mixture; then fold in the remaining egg whites until just incorporated. (When folding egg-whites start with spatula under the batter and fold over-top; turn bowl 1/4 turn and repeat. Do not over-fold!)
6. Divide the batter into the prepared coffee mugs.
7. Bake the cakes for 10 to 12 minutes, only until the tops feel firm. Remove the cakes from oven and cool for a minute before serving

Club Spotlight Salisbury University Poms dance team

Submitted photo
The SU Poms team currently has 15 members, all dedicated to the art of pom dancing. Their first spring performance is Feb. 18 at the basketball games.By Ashlee Laughlin
Staff Writer

The Poms Dance Team at Salisbury is dancing its way into the spring semester and is ready to put on a show. The Poms group was started by Telecta Taylor and Amanda Davis, a pair of sophomore students who share a passion for dance. The two met in their freshman ballet class and shared a common interest in the art of pom dancing.

"We wanted to do something different from the hip hop dance like the Untouchables and we also wanted to be different from the SU Dance Company," Taylor said. The SU Poms Dance Team became an official organization last fall with the help of advisors Andrea Wheatley and Erika Brightful. The team choreographs and comes up with costumes for halftime routines to perform during basketball games.

Currently, team has 15 active members in their organization. Though most of the young women that dance for the team have had formal training, it is not a requirement. The SU Poms Dance Team accepts anyone that has a love for dance.

"Just don't be shy and do not be worried about technique. Keep a smile and do your thing," Taylor said. So far the SU Poms Dance Team has performed at two fall events, the Casser Le Moule fashion show and their own Christmas Festival that was open to the Salisbury community.

"I absolutely had a wonderful time working with the poms dancers. They were hard working and they definitely added something unique to our show," said Jasmine Dupree, executive board member of Casser Le Moule.

The team's first performance of the spring semester will take place at the men's and women's basketball games on Feb. 18.

At a glance

- SU Poms is a new organization that choreographs routines for basketball half-time shows.
- President: Telecta Taylor
- The team currently has 15 active members.
- They have already performed at two fall events, the CLM fashion show and their own Christmas Festival.
- The first performance is scheduled for Feb. 18.

Environmental, International film series held at SU

Film Series Calendar of Events

February 12

Two films:
Playing with Poison and Good Riddance!
Sponsored by W.E.T.
An anthropologist's research on pesticide effects on children's development between towns with and towns without exposure that is a wake up call to parents and community leaders. Then a light-hearted film follows the exploits of Eco, the clean, green pest controller with a clever biological solution for every pest problem. But getting rid of pests the clean and green way isn't always easy; sometimes the solutions don't quite work out the way he hopes.
7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

February 23

Gharam fi al-Karnak (Love in Karnak)
Sponsored by The Four Embassies
The film tells a fictionalized account of the founding of Egypt's first national folkloric dance group, The Reda Troupe.
7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

March 2

Ru Guo Ai (Perhaps Love)
Sponsored by The Four Embassies
In the spirit of *Moulin Rouge*, the film has a Bollywood musical twist and is the vision of the cinematographer of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.
7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

February 16

Crapshoot
Sponsored by W.E.T.
"Crapshoot is an informative and occasionally humorous look at the pros and cons of the sewer system. Great film for anyone who wants to know about one of the world's most taboo subjects." - Greenmuze.com
7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103
Vastutunnessal (Headwind Hall) - Estonia
Sponsored by The Four Embassies
This documentary follows one man's crazy idea of building an opera house on an island inhabited by one person.
7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

February 26

Swim for the River
Sponsored by W.E.T.
Chris Swain swims the entire length of the Hudson River, linking together stories of the river, from the Adirondack Mountain wilderness to New York City. We meet heroes and public indifference, and also see how ordinary citizens can and do make a difference.
7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

March 9

Fuera de jue go (Offsides)
Sponsored by The Four Embassies
This film tells the story of Juan, a shy young man who dreams of emigrating to escape his world of suffocating poverty.
7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

Compiled by Rachael Stone

Delmarva Environmental Film Festival

Over the months of February and March, the Wicomico Environmental Trust (W.E.T.) and SU's Bioenviros Club will be hosting the 2009 Delmarva Environmental Film Festival. The eco-friendly documentaries will be shown every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Henson 103 to students, faculty and members of the public.

The series is split up into four separate categories: Organic Farming/Pesticide Use, Recycling and Waste Management, Waste Management and Disposal and River Conservation. Experts will discuss and comment on the films after they have been shown.

The first film shown, the Canadian-made "Addicted to Plastics," is a documentary that revealed the importance of plastic in our society and confirmed just how easily

it can be used as a pollutant. The documentary also showed the value of plastic in other countries, particularly India and Kenya, where it is sacred.

Linda Harmon, the chair of the festival, said that WET & The SU Bioenviros Club started the festival three years ago under the leadership of John Groult, W.E.T. board member.

"I started the coordination last year and did the selection this year based on interests expressed last year by attendees," Harmon said. "Our intent is to educate the public and raise awareness about environmental issues that affect the Eastern Shore region."

The next film shown in this festival will be "Crapshoot," which will look at the failure of our current sewage disposal system.

World International Film Festival

Aside from the Environmental Film festival, another film series is being held on campus this February. SU is one of the four locations hosting this festival. The other locations are Frostburg University, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis and Towson University. The World International Film Festival, hosted by the World Artists Experiences, INC. Ambassador Program, will begin Feb. 16 and have screenings each Monday through March 9. The films will be shown in Caruthers Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The first film, featuring Estonia and titled "Headwind Hall," follows the building of an opera house on an island.

The second film titled "Ru Guo Ai," which is translated in English as "Perhaps Love," is an Egyptian film telling a fictionalized account of the founding of

Egypt's first national folkloric dance group, the Reda Troupe. This particular type of dance movement started out as a family tradition and created a pioneer dance troupe that set in motion the creation of folkdances all over Egypt.

The third film, on China, is in some sense a Chinese version of *Moulin Rouge*. The documentary is an intriguing Chinese backstage musical built around the notion of life as a movie.

A fourth film featuring Ecuador tells the story of a young man who dreams of emigrating to escape his world of suffocating poverty.

With the economic climate being as it is today, it may be best to learn about these exotic countries via film instead of traveling. The festival is free of admission and open to the public.

A facebook application with a worthwhile cause

By Cara Barrett
Staff Writer

Anyone who has participated in Relay for Life at Salisbury University knows that it has a tremendous presence on campus.

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), which works through the American Cancer Society and organizes Relay for Life on college campuses, promotes cancer awareness, advocates for those affected by cancer and informs the campus community about cancer prevention. CAC also offers a scholarship for students who have been diagnosed with cancer.

The SU chapter of CAC most recently promoted Breast Cancer Awareness when the Sex and the City movie was shown on campus. The CAC chapter at SU is ranked number one nationally for advocacy and is the only Leader of Hope chapter in its division. Due to the successful fundraising efforts that Relay participants have achieved, Salisbury University is ranked number three in the nation, per capita, for the amount of money raised.

So where does Relay for Life and Facebook cross paths? This

happens through the new Relay for Life Fundraising Facebook application. By adding this application fundraising progress, including how much has been earned as well as a specific goal, will be displayed on a Facebook profile. The opportunity for others to donate is also available. This application also allows for fundraising updates to be sent to friends. Additionally, the user with the application can receive tips about fundraising.

A major goal that CAC chapter co-president Lauren Friedman has is to raise \$100,000. "Hopefully [the application] will encourage more people to fundraise and [make it] easier for people our age," Friedman said. Friedman said the Facebook application makes donating "more accessible rather than traditional fundraising methods."

The SU chapter of CAC includes a 15 member committee who assist in organizing Relay for Life along with about 45 active members. If interested in becoming involved with CAC or Relay for Life e-mail cac@salisbury.edu or relay4life@salisbury.edu.

Unordinarily S(h)ane Should single people be Valentine's Day rejects?

By Shane Hill
Staff Writer

This past weekend I went to a showing of *High School Musical 3*. Although the high school itself was more faux than an orange tan, and far more expensive, the motifs were ever so surrealistically portrayed. In reality, a place we live in that I call "the here and now," you don't always end up in *Happily Ever After*, although on occasion you do have those Troys and Gabriellas who go to college barely separated from their loved ones. So I wondered, in a society so consumed with the idea of love and the pressures of being a "we" so much so there's a holiday for it, I wonder what happened to the "I"?

Most of us would rather starve than eat alone in the Commons, let alone publicly denounce such a loved holiday like Valentine's Day. It was the social equivalent of wearing a scarlet A on one's chest for "Alone." Even the alternative, Singles Awareness Day (SAD) carries an even more pathetic acronym.

Each year it's the same goal, even new years resolution, for myself and countless other singles to find that special someone to call our valentine. Years back we sent Barbie and Power Rangers cards, candy grams and other affectionate things to our crushes, and now, ten years later, what has changed? Hallmark cards, chocolates and roses? So I ask what happens to the rest of us without that significant other or anonymous crush? Will we forever be the holiday rejects?

Who said we aren't allowed to write self sonnets and treat ourselves to an evening out once in a while? In math we learn that one plus one is two, and two is greater than one, but who said that an "I" is less than, not equal to, a "we"? And most importantly, who said we cannot love ourselves, in a non-narcissistic way of course?

So if you're worried your Friday the 13th curse is the cause for an unanticipated Feb. 14 plans, know what happens is your choice, independent of societal expectations, whether it be a romantic dinner for two or a movie night party of one.

Career services hosts annual workshop series

By Jacqueline Miller
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Career Services is hosting a variety of workshops this month to prepare students for the approaching job fairs. Topics ranging from how to get a job in a down economy to how to approach a job fair in 30 minutes or less will be held by knowledgeable individuals and are customized to student's needs.

"I would absolutely recommend attending one of the workshops. It allows you to get advice from someone with experience," said junior Ryan Protzko after attending a resume workshop.

The job fair isn't only beneficial to graduating seniors on the job hunt but also for those looking for an internship position. There will be four job fairs, each intended for a different purpose.

The general job and internship fair is intended for all majors except health and education. It will

take place on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at noon in the GUC.

Next up is the summer jobs and internships fair that will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 2 p.m. in the GUC.

The third fair is for all health career majors and will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 11 a.m. in the Wicomico Room in the GUC.

The last job fair, geared towards education majors, will be on Thursday, March 12 at 10 a.m. at UMES.

To sign up for a workshop or to see upcoming events, go to the eRecruiting Web site at <http://salisbury.e-recruiting.com>. Click on calendars and the event you wish to attend. The Web site is simple to navigate and includes many other helpful applications.

With up to 70 organizations participating in the job fairs, there is guaranteed to be something that meets everyone's needs.

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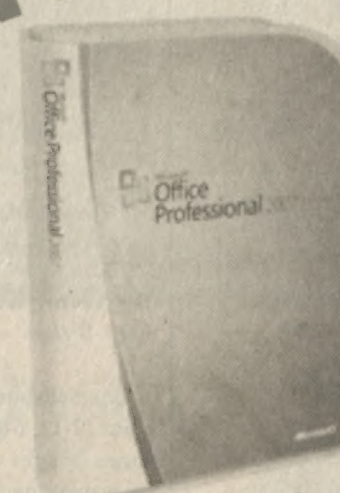
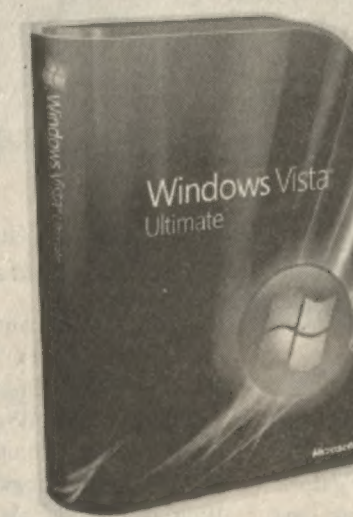
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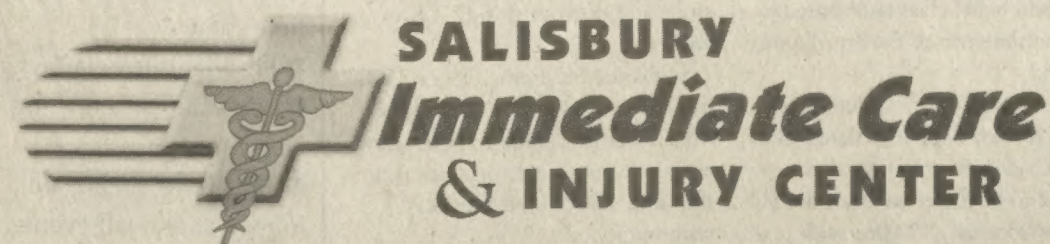
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